

- Federal Funding for Route 6 Reconstruction in Final Spending Bill Sent to President -

Washington, DC – Federal funding that U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) secured to help the Town of Cortlandt reconstruct Route 6 (East Main Street) is included in the final spending bill that Congress sent to the President this week to become law. The \$1.96 Million secured by Congressman Hall for the reconstruction has survived all rounds of House-Senate appropriations negotiations and was included in the final version of the funding bill passed by both the House and the Senate this week. The President is expected to sign the legislation in the coming days.

"The previous reconstruction of Route 6 in 1996 left much to be desired in terms of amenities and aesthetics. The Town of Cortlandt needs federal support to rebuild this highly traveled road," said Hall. "I am pleased that this federal funding would help reduce the burden of state and local taxes needed for this important project."

Route 6 runs for 2.2 miles in the Town of Cortlandt from the City of Peekskill to the Town of Yorktown line, and was reconstructed by the New York State Department of Transportation in 1996. At that time, Route 6 was widened into a four-lane road with a center turning lane, sidewalks and trees in some areas. However, there was no unified design scheme. The Town of Cortlandt has planned to construct a center median and add amenities including landscape improvements, in order to improve upon the previous reconstruction.